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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed April 14, 2000, be extended for three months to and including October 16, 2000, since October 14, 2000 was a Saturday and October 15, 2000 was a Sunday.

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